

# *Macomb County Board of Commissioners*

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## *Annual Report*

*A Guide to County Services*

*Photographed by Diane Miller, courtesy Huron Clinton Metro Parks*





# Macomb Shines Brighter

## Illuminating the Allure of Macomb County

- Third largest county in Michigan with 820,000 residents.
- 482 square miles with easy access to interstate highways, of which 28% is residential, 9% is commercial, institutional, transportation and utility. Sixty percent is open space; recreational, agricultural, cemetery, woodland, wetland, 3% other; water and extractive land.
- 22 school districts, 73 private/parochial schools and 5 public academies. Many of our schools are recognized with the coveted distinction of "Blue Ribbon" as determined by Michigan Department of Education.
- Home to *Macomb Community College*, the nation's second largest community college. MCC offers educational opportunities from nine prominent Michigan universities. Other types of educational institutions provide a multitude of career options for students on the road to success.
- Six hospitals with 1,388 beds provide top rated specialty centers for cardiac, cancer and orthopedic needs.
- Retail centers that occupy more than 19 million square feet including three regional shopping centers, six quaint downtown districts, nearly 40 Farmer's Markets and a multitude of places to "pick-your-own" fruits, landscaping materials and Christmas trees.
- 31 miles of shoreline with more than 100 public & private marinas offering more than 10,000 slips for more than 47,000 registered pleasure craft owners.
- 130 local, county, regional and state parks covering 12,519 acres and five staffed nature interpretation centers.
- Nearly 50 golf courses, 21 hotels offering 2,602 rooms, bowling alleys and a variety of other recreational centers including driving ranges, ice/in-line skating facilities and a skatepark that draws national competitions.
- Internationally and nationally acclaimed performances at Freedom Hill County Park and the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. Over 2,100 restaurants and hundreds of spots featuring live entertainment. More than 50 historic sites, museums and art galleries.

### A message from the Board of Commissioners:

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners is pleased to present this annual report to update you on the financial status of Macomb County. Inside you will find charts and explanations to help you understand how your tax dollars are used to fund county services.

Also included are informative articles, profiles and photos to give you an in-depth look at the services provided to you by your County Commissioners.

We hope you enjoy reading this report. Please keep it handy as a reference. If you need further information throughout the year, your County Commissioner (as shown on page 35) is available to assist your needs.

*The Macomb County Board of Commissioners*

The Macomb County Board of Commissioners also publishes a

### "DIRECTORY of SERVICES"

For a copy of this publication, please contact your County Commissioner (as shown on page 35).

- Top three jobs: manufacturing, wholesale/retail trade and professional business services.
- Top three employers: General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and Ford Motor Company.
- 95 percent of all businesses in Macomb County employ less than 50 people.

# Awards & Distinctions



**The National Association of Counties (NACo)** is an organization that provides resources for county government. Each year, NACo recognizes innovative and cost-effective programs that enhance services to residents or improve county management and organization. 2003 marked the 22nd consecutive year that Macomb County placed first in the State of Michigan for the number of recognitions received. In fact, of all 3,066 counties in the United States, Macomb County placed 15th. Look for the blue ribbons throughout this book for descriptions of NACo award-winning programs.

## Other Distinctions and Awards

For the second consecutive year, the **Macomb County Jail** was found to be in 100% compliance by the *Michigan Department of Corrections*. The jail continues to be the only "mega" jail in the state with this distinction.

**Macomb County Senior Citizen Services** was honored by the *Macomb County Human Services Coordinating Body* for leadership and ongoing commitment for their work with the Dementia Services Committee.

**The Macomb County Public Works Office** was recognized by the *Macomb Conservation District* for its collaborative endeavors to work with other environmental public agencies, organization and groups.

**The Facilities and Operations Department** received an "Award of Merit" from *Mount Clemens Beautification Committee* for the landscaping and upkeep of the downtown county complex.

**The Macomb Orchard Trail Commission** was awarded "Outstanding Michigan Greenways Project" at the *Mid America Trail & Greenways Conference*.

**The Macomb County Community Mental Health Crisis Center** was recently certified by the *American Association of Suicidology*. This distinction was presented based on the center's exceptional services in suicide prevention, education, assessment and intervention as well as its compassionate response to family and friends left to deal with the suicide of a loved one.

The *Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)* recognized **Public Works Commissioner Anthony V. Marrocco** for his work in watershed management throughout Macomb County.

**The Road Commission of Macomb County** received an "Award of Excellence" from the *Michigan Concrete Paving Association*.

## 2003 NACo Achievement Award Winners

### Senior Citizens Services

- FREE 911 Cell Phones for Seniors

### Community Services Agency

- Bridging the Gap for Laid-off Workers

### Library

- Disabled Children's Promotional Backpacks

### Community Mental Health

- Medication Assistance Resource Management

### Community Services Agency

- Opening the Door to Home Ownership

### Health Department

- Radon Testing Promotion

### Health Department

- Safe Sleep Risk Reduction Campaign

### Planning & Economic Development, Finance, Corporation Counsel and Parks & Recreation

- Unique Financing and Governmental Organization Results in Major Trail

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# Accomplishments

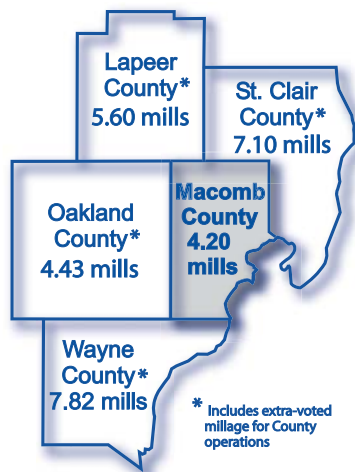
**G**ood government does not happen by accident. It takes an ability to forecast future trends and a commitment to long-term planning. Your Board of Commissioners works diligently to insure that actions taken today have a positive impact on tomorrow's generation. Outcomes of this process include:

- Macomb County is 1 of only 34 counties in the country to hold the highest possible bond rating of AAA from both *Moody's Investors Service* and *Standard & Poors*. This distinction makes it possible for the county to borrow money at the most favorable rates possible. The lower rate directly impacts future tax dollars by reducing payments on long-term debts.
- Macomb County officials recognize that our access to fresh water has significant economic advantage. Our 31 miles of shoreline make Macomb County an attractive place for residents, businesses and visitors. Macomb County, either directly or through partnership with others, has received approximately \$5.8 million dollars in grant money to resolve water quality issues. This funding covers both long and short-term projects such as:
  - Establishing the **River/Lake Pollution Fund** to assist local communities to correct infrastructure problems that contribute to the pollution of our waterways.
  - Sponsoring a **Water Quality Board** that remains engaged and dedicated to keeping water issues before our state and federal legislators, enforcement officials and residents.
  - Providing funding for communities to combat the threat of the West Nile Virus resulting in an impressive reduction in the number of confirmed cases in the county (114 in 2002 to 2 in 2003!)
- The rapid rate of growth in Macomb has been especially beneficial to taxpayers. It has fostered a stable base of funding for the county budget. As our northern communities grow, your Board of Commissioners is ever mindful of the need to maintain vitality in the southern cities. Aging infrastructure and abandoned buildings need to be replaced and redeveloped. With a commitment to implementing planned growth, cooperating with local government and retaining and attracting business, the Board of Commissioners has:
  - Hosted forums for the mayors and managers of our cities, townships, and villages to encourage communication and cooperation between local and county government.
  - Joined *Automation Alley* in support of our business community.
  - Partnered with local, state and federal government as well as a private foundation to purchase and develop a 24-acre linear park. The **Macomb Orchard Trail** will soon become a recreational asset for residents and visitors alike.
  - Created a **Strategic Visioning Task Force** comprised of community leaders to share ideas about the future of Macomb County.
- Amidst the day-to-day issues and needs of the people of Macomb County, none is more serious than that of homeland security. The multi-state power failure in August offered an opportunity to evaluate current procedures and plan for improvements for the possibility of acts of terrorism. Be assured, the Board is committed to:
  - Aggressive actions to enhance public safety measures, especially by its **Emergency Management and Health Departments**.
  - Improve communication between local, county, state and federal first responders.
  - Create and maintain a dynamic program of readiness to meet any future threat.

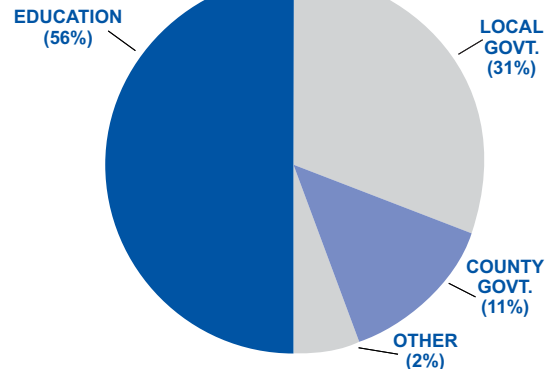
Macomb County has achieved a high quality of life for its residents and businesses and an enviable financial position by careful, pragmatic planning. Your Board of Commissioners know that it is a privilege to serve you and remain committed to maintaining past achievements and creating even greater success in the future.

# Fiscal Responsibility

## Macomb Maintains Lowest Total County Tax Rate Among Surrounding Counties

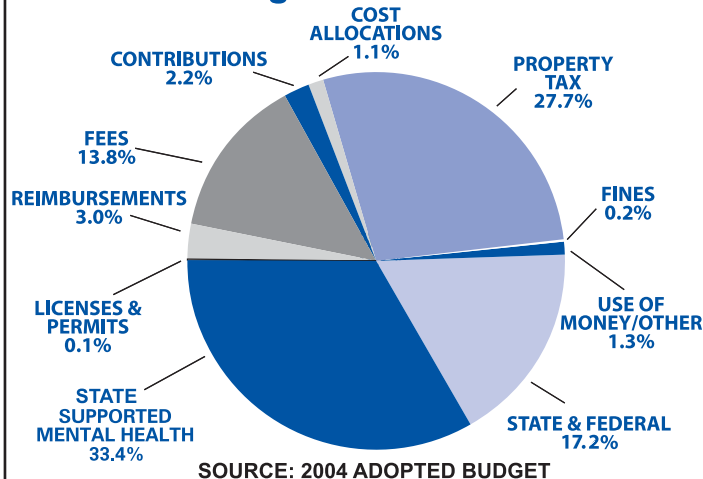


### 2004 Average Homestead Property Tax Distribution In Macomb County

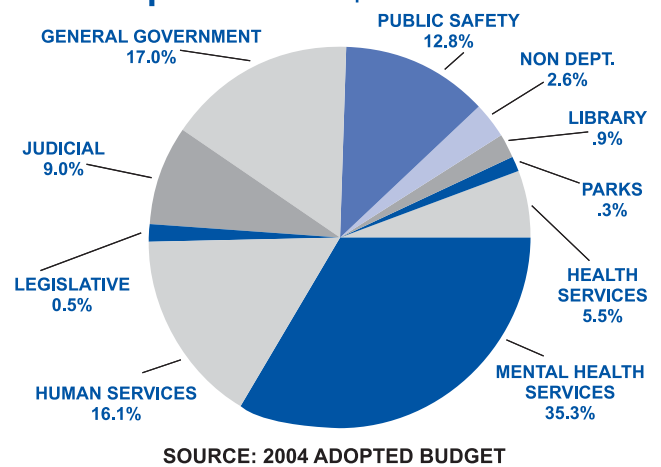


ONLY 11¢ OF EVERY PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR GOES TO SUPPORT COUNTY SERVICES

### 2004 Macomb County Budgeted Revenues



### 2004 Macomb County Budgeted Expenditures \$395+ Million



## Macomb County Achieves Highest Possible Credit Rating

Macomb County has been awarded the highest possible credit rating by *Moody's Investors Service* (Aaa) and *Standard & Poor's* (AAA), the two major Wall Street rating agencies. Only two other counties in Michigan (of 83) and 34 other counties in the nation (of 3,066) enjoy this distinction.

According to Standard & Poor's, AAA rated counties typically have a deep, diverse and growing economy, strong financial management and a low debt burden in addition to a proven ability to weather all economic cycles by maintaining tight budgetary controls, maintaining sufficient reserves and planning for future contingencies.

Macomb County's AAA status allows it to borrow needed funds at the absolute lowest rates. In addition, Macomb County cities, villages, townships and school districts can take advantage of the County's top rating by seeking its guarantee on future borrowings.



# Senior Services

**The Senior Citizen Chore Service**, administered through the **Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA)**, assists senior citizens with home maintenance and minor repairs, including snow removal and grass cutting. This helps to keep our seniors independent and in their own homes. The program is available to residents, age 60 and older, who meet certain eligibility guidelines. Other chore assistance services include gutter cleaning, changing storm windows and screens, installing smoke alarms and other home maintenance assistance. Call **469-5012** or visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices).

**The Home Injury Control Program**, also administered by **MCCSA**, provides a one-time service to handicapped and frail County residents who are at least 60 years of age. This program helps to install bathtub grab bars, bathtub chairs and handrails. A limited number of handicap ramps can also be installed on a temporary basis for a small cost-sharing fee. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5012**.

**Adult Day Care Services** is administered by the **Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services (MCSCS)**. It helps to provide a first step in the continuum of long-term care for elders who may need supervision. Activities help to stimulate, improve or maintain the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual well being of clients. Services are designed to maintain a healthy respect for the heritage, needs, strengths and abilities of each individual. In 2003, more than 130 clients and their families were served. To learn more, [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or contact our service centers located in the Southeast Health Facility in St. Clair Shores (**466-6817**) and the VerKuilen Building in Clinton Township (**469-5579**).

## PHONE NUMBERS FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Chore Services**  
**Home Injury Control**  
469-5012

**Adult Day Care**  
Clinton Twp. 469-5579  
St. Clair Shores 466-6817

**911 Cell Phones**  
469-6313

**Senior Transportation**  
469-5225



"Having the 9-1-1 emergency phone available is like having the police department on the seat next to you."

**Free 911 Cell Phones for Seniors**, capable of making **ONLY** emergency calls, are available for Macomb County seniors. This program makes it possible for a senior to dial for help anywhere in the United States where 911 service exists. This NACo Achievement Award winning program has distributed more than 6,000 working phones since it began in 2001.

**The Department of Senior Citizen Services** accepts donations of working wireless phones (complete with rechargeable battery and charging equipment) for this worthy program. To donate or request a phone, visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or contact **469-6313**.

**MCCSA's Senior Transportation Program** provides residents who meet eligibility guidelines with rides to the doctor, Community Action Centers and other permitted specific destinations. Some vehicles are equipped with assistance lifts if needed. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5225**.

# Senior Services

**T**he Senior Discount Prescription Drug Program has helped nearly 21,800 Macomb County seniors save more than 14 million dollars in prescription drug medications. Eligible participants must be county residents, age 60 or older, and be without existing prescription coverage. Enrollees are provided with cards that entitle the bearer to discounted prices on many brand-name and generic drugs at thousands of participating pharmacies across the country. **Newly added this year is an optical discount program plan.** While the Macomb County Board of Commissioners funds this program, participants have the option of paying a \$14 enrollment fee to help reduce overall expenses (and make it possible for others to join.) **Enrollment is automatically renewed for those that use their card at least three times annually.** New this year is prescription assistance for those ages 18 - 59 (see page 12). Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **469-6313**.

## PHONE NUMBERS FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Senior Discount  
Prescription Drug &  
Other Prescription  
Assistance  
469-6313**

**O**ther prescription assistance is available through various agencies such as **Elder Prescription Insurance Coverage (EPIC), Expanded Michigan Emergency Pharmaceutical Program for Seniors (MEPPS), World Medical Relief and Prescription Resource Network (PRN).** Each has a set of enrollment guidelines and eligibility requirements. Contact: [www.macomb-countymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macomb-countymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **469-6313**.

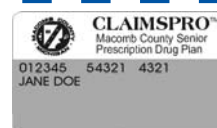
**O**ne of every ten dollars spent on health care is used to fill prescription medications. Senior citizens typically spend one out of every six of their health care dollars on prescription drugs. The following tips help **EVERYONE** save money:

- Shop around - the cost of drugs may vary from pharmacy to pharmacy.
- Your doctor can help to determine whether generic medications or less expensive alternatives would be effective in your treatment. He or she might also be able to share free samples.
- Your pharmacist can provide answers about whether a 3-6 month supply would be less expensive in the long run.
- Mail order pharmacies offer terrific cost savings.

Shop around for all of your medical needs including optical, dental, hearing. Don't be afraid to ask your current provider to match competitor's prices.

Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices).

## ENROLLING IS EASY! Sign up today for your Prescription Discount Card.



Your Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Date of Birth

☐ MALE

☐ FEMALE

Social Security No.

Date of Birth

Spouse's Name

Address

City

State

Zip

MI

4

8

Phone

☐ If you wish to contribute the \$14.00 registration fee, please make your check payable to Macomb County Senior Services Discount Rx Program and mail to the address below:

If couple is enrolling, (use one form) you will receive two cards in one name.

Remove application and mail to:

**MACOMB COUNTY  
SENIOR PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM  
DEPT. OF SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES**

21885 Dunham Rd., Suite 6  
Clinton Twp., MI 48036

Call **469-6313** for more information



# Senior Services

## PHONE NUMBERS FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS

### Senior Nutrition Programs

469-5228

### Other Senior Programs

469-6406

### Elder Abuse Prevention

469-6313

### Grandparents Rearing

Grandchildren  
469-6315

**The Senior Citizen Nutrition Program**, administered through **MCCSA**, helps county seniors receive nutritional meals while providing a wonderful social outlet. The **Meals on Wheels** program delivers meals to those that are homebound and unable to prepare meals independently due to physical or mental impairments. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday, including three major holidays. Recipients are encouraged to help pay for meals but are not required to do so. This program is heavily reliant on the commitment of volunteers. Last year, more than 1,200 screened and trained volunteers delivered 334,717 meals to 2,370 seniors. To get involved in this program as a volunteer, a financial donor or a recipient, visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5228**.

**Dining Senior Style** provides county seniors with opportunities to enjoy a healthy lunch while meeting new and old friends. Aside from promoting better nutrition, the program also offers regularly scheduled activities including guest speakers, games, themed parties and crafts. There are 26 sites throughout the county. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5228**.

**Liquid Supplemental Meals** provides nutritional supplements for seniors who are at risk of malnutrition. Structured similarly to the "Meals on Wheels" program, supplements are delivered to participants; cost-sharing contributions encouraged. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5228**.

## Other Services for Seniors

**Resource Advocates, Counseling and Legal Assistance Programs** are three distinct programs that assist seniors and their families to maintain independent living with dignity for as long as possible. With support from both the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and the *Area Agency on Aging I-B*, this program helps to link residents with information, resources and services. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **469-6406**.



Statistics provided by the 2000 U.S. Census indicate that there are more than 3,600 grandparents responsible for raising grandchildren in Macomb County.

**Elder Abuse Prevention Program** is an in-school activity designed to help students gain a greater understanding of the elderly and why a mature perspective on life might be different from their own. School personnel interested in learning more about bringing this program to their students should visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **469-6313**.

**Grandparents Rearing Grandchildren Program** is for seniors who are raising grandchildren or other minor-aged relatives. The program offers multi-faceted activities including support groups, networking opportunities and fun-filled, inter-generational events like picnics, skating parties and summer camp. Last year, more than 266 grandparents, responsible for raising 207 children, were involved with this supportive program. To register or to receive a bi-monthly newsletter, please visit or call [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) **469-6315**.



# Senior Services

**Macomb County Senior Citizen Discount Card Program** is available for residents age 60 and older. It offers discounts on both goods and services at many participating businesses. To receive your discount card and a list of participating merchants, call **469-6313** or visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices)

**Department of Senior Citizen Services** coordinates a number of Support Groups for the families and caregivers of elderly residents. Each focuses on a different aspect of "quality of life" issues. For instance, there are groups related to grief, late-life divorce, independence dilemmas, dementia and other relevant topics. Visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **469-6313**.

**Caregiver College** is a six-week educational program offered in partnership with *Ford Motor Company*, *Visteon* and the *UAW*. Each session explores a different relevant topic. Subjects include dementia, home safety, legal matters, long-term care options, housing, end-of-life issues, and the emotional impact that the role of caregiver brings. Participants can expect to enjoy a well-rounded array of topics, excellent speakers, group sharing and resource exchange. These workshops are offered throughout the county and can also be brought to a meeting place of your choice. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices) or call **466-6817**.

## PHONE NUMBERS FOR SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Senior Discount  
Card, Support &  
Discussion Groups**  
469-6313

**Caregiver College**  
466-6817

**Older American Fest.**  
469-5125

## 21st ANNUAL OLDER AMERICAN FESTIVAL Sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners Wed., June 23rd, from Noon until 4:00 p.m.

The festival will be held at Freedom Hill County Park, located on Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road) between Schoenherr and Utica Roads. Gates will open at 11:20 a.m. The theme for this year's event is "Roaring 20's."



Pictured above are last year's winners of the "Senior Flower Power Hat Contest." The theme for this year is the 1920s and will revive the days of the Charleston, Elliot Ness and swallowing goldfish during a fun-filled day for Macomb County senior citizens.

Offered for residents age 60 and older, the day features FREE box lunches\*, special treats offered at discount prices and dancing to big band entertainment. FREE health tests will be available and the Exhibitor's Tent will showcase information about programs and services. A Bingo Tent will accept new players every 45 minutes.

**Michigan State University Extension** will be on hand again this year with exhibits and information on horticulture, lawn care and additional programs of interest to seniors. Also, as an expression of appreciation for our armed forces (both past and present), the highlight of the day will be a parade to honor local veterans.

**The Board of Commissioners, Department of Senior Services** and the county employees who volunteer to serve you at this special event look forward to seeing you on June 23! For more information, call **469-5125**.

\*Lunches are provided first come, first serve. Due to federal funding requirements those who receive a free lunch will be required to provide their name, address, date of birth and signature.

# Children's Services

**H**ead Start is a free preschool program funded by the federal government and administered by **Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA)**. The program's goal is to increase school readiness for children from low-income families. Working with parents, it helps get pre-schoolers prepared for academic success by focusing on early developmental skills and conveys the importance of physical, dental and nutritional health. Visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-5215**.

**S**how and Tell is a new project piloted by **Macomb County Health Department** and is targeted for the county's third and fourth graders. It is a hands-on, interactive program designed to educate children about the dangers associated with tobacco use. Offered in partnership with *Macomb County Tobacco Prevention Coalition*, it's designed to help children recognize and counter the tobacco industry's multimedia campaign which portrays smoking with glamour, adventure, rebellion, etc.



Children from more than 900 Macomb County families enroll in Head Start each year. This federally funded program puts income-eligible children on an early road to educational success.

Students learn that there are more than 4,000 chemical compounds in cigarette smoke and the adverse health effects that are connected with smoking. At least 15 of these chemicals are brought to life for students through hands-on visual aids. Show and Tell participants are encouraged to sign a pledge to live tobacco-free and learn that choosing a healthy lifestyle today leads to a healthy body tomorrow. Developed in 2002, the program has served 2,500 students. School personnel interested in learning more should contact [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **412-3387**.

**M**acomb County Children's Health Fair is an annual event coordinated by the **Macomb County Health Department** under the direction and guidance of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. Offered with assistance from 55 human service community partners, it offers head-to-toe health screenings, immunizations and health education information. Last year 1,750 participants attended and were entertained by appearances from Rosco the Clown, Spitzer Magic, Care Bears, Dora and Bob the Builder. The "4H Club K-9 and Company" also

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR

**Sat. Oct. 25th 12-4 p.m.**

Macomb Community College  
Sports and Expo Center

## Macomb County Health Department Immunization Clinic Hours

**Mt. Clemens Health Center**  
**Mt. Clemens - 469-5372**

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Eve. Hrs. - Wed. 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Southeast Health Center**  
**St. Clair Shores - 466-6800**

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Eve. Hrs. - Mon. 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Southwest Health Center**  
**Warren - 573-2090**

Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Eve. Hrs. - Thurs. 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

In addition, there are special outreach clinics in Romeo, Richmond and New Haven. Call **469-5372** for more information on these sites.

provided dog agility demonstrations. Generous gifts by area businesses and non-profit organizations were raffled. Contact:

[www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **573-2210**.

## Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse

launched a new program in 2003 targeting students in four school districts. **Reconnecting Youth** uses a peer education approach to build life skills and the ability to resist substance abuse. It includes 18 weeks of activities that focus on self-esteem, decision-making, personal restraint and interpersonal communication. Participation in the program can help at-risk youth increase their grades and manage anger while decreasing use of drugs, depression and risk for suicide. For information about substance abuse services, call **CARE** at **541-2273**.

# Children's Services

**The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)**, is a federally funded health and nutrition program for pregnant women, infants and children up to the age of five. This program provides nutrition education, referrals for services and coupons for purchasing nutritional items for qualifying participants. Visit [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **469-5471**.

**The Macomb County Family Independence Agency** piloted a new program at *Mount Clemens Middle School* in 2003. **School-linked Service Centers** are part of a county-wide collaboration with the State of Michigan to establish "Community School Family Resource Centers." The goal of the program is to provide unified and holistic health care services to at-risk families in a school-based setting. This is accomplished through partnerships formed with other agencies, businesses, faith-based organizations and individuals in the community. For more information, call **469-7700**.

## Services include:

- Physical and mental health
- Social services
- Employment services including summer and part-time employment
- Referrals to substance abuse service
- Family crisis intervention
- Welfare-to-Work
- Housing
- Recreation
- Mentoring and Mediation Training.

## FACTS ABOUT WIC

- One out of every two infants born in Michigan is enrolled in WIC.
- A family of four can earn up to \$34,000 per year and qualify for WIC.
- Referring clients to other available services means that WIC moms are less likely to deliver prematurely or to give birth to children with low birth weight.
- Macomb County WIC participants spend approximately \$5 million each year buying healthy food from local merchants.
- For every \$1 spent for WIC, it is estimated that \$3.50 is saved in federal, state, local and private health care costs.
- A special day at the *Mt. Clemens Farmer's Market* helps WIC families learn more about fresh foods and vegetables while supporting Macomb County farmers.

## With a goal to create:

- Increased school attendance through reduced truancy
- Increased student performance
- Decreased teen pregnancy
- Improved nutritional health
- Earlier identification of children with special needs and improved ability to integrate services
- Increased parental involvement in school.

**The County is committed to helping youth** become acquainted with government and related career opportunities. Each year, the Board of Commissioners sponsors **Student Government Day**. This event makes it possible for two nominated students from each high school to spend a day visiting with their County Commissioner and a variety of county departments. Students tour courtrooms, the county jail, the Clerk/Register of Deed's Offices and other departments. The day is culminated with a mock meeting of the Board of Commissioners where students are able to explore a relevant issue and make a "mock decision" regarding county policy.

**The Macomb County Sheriff's Office** launched its **Youth Academy** in 2003 to help introduce students to careers in law enforcement. This ten-hour program is offered for approximately 60 students who have been nominated by their schools for participation. Sheriff's Deputies teach each session. Topics include traffic safety, juvenile law, date rape and teen violence, gangs, drug/alcohol/tobacco awareness, diversity, anger management and conflict resolution as well as the criminal justice system and patrol procedures. Graduates increase their knowledge of the workings of a law enforcement agency as well as an increased appreciation for the men and women who serve their communities.



# Health Services



Newly renovated Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility now offers semi-private and private rooms with adjoining bathrooms, gardens and an indoor "mainstreet" that offers a barber shop, beauty salon, library, chapel and café.

**Martha T. Berry Medical Care Facility** is a county owned and operated facility that is currently undergoing renovation. Phase 1 is complete and construction of Phase II is underway. These improvements will help this 55-year-old facility better serve persons with long-term nursing care needs. MTB residents range in age from 19 to 103. Last year, 374 admissions were logged, for a total of 68,273 resident days. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/marthatberry](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/marthatberry) or call 469-5265.

**Macomb County Health Department is pleased to provide residents** with accurate and up-to-date nutritional information to promote health and well-being. Nutrition is especially important during the first year of life to ensure proper growth and development of newborns. New parents often have many questions about how to feed their new baby. **MCHD's new Infant Feeding Guide** provides recommendations from the *American Academy of Pediatrics* and the *American Dietetic Association*. It includes information about infant nutrition, current feeding guidelines, and the relationship between a healthy diet and a lifetime of good health.

Sound infant feeding practices are the foundation to establishing healthy eating habits for life, preventing childhood obesity and associated chronic diseases such as Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. A copy of the Infant Feeding Guide can be printed from [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth)

**Expanded Prescription Discount Drug Program** The Macomb County Board of Commissioners are very excited to announce that they have expanded their discount program to include residents from 18-59 years of age. It mimics the Senior Discount Prescription Drug Program which has saved seniors over \$14 million since its inception. Any Macomb County resident without prescription drug coverage is eligible. You may utilize almost any pharmacy. **A new optical component has been added this year.** If you wish to enroll please fill out the form to the right and attach a bank check or money order for \$14.00 and return it to the Senior Citizens Department. Contact: 469-6313 or 469-6702.



## Macomb County Age 18-59 Prescription Discount Program

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female (Primary Member)

Social Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

(Primary Member)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPENDENTS:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female

### \$14.00 per household annual registration fee.

You will receive up to two cards printed with the Primary Member's name and social security number on each card.

**Method of Payment:** Cash, Money Order or Cashier's Check (Do not send cash in the U.S. mail). Money orders should be made payable to MCDSCS. Personal checks will not be accepted and will be returned.

**Mail completed application with payment to:** Macomb County 18-59 Prescription Discount Program, Dept., of Senior Citizen Services, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 6, Clinton Twp., MI 48036 (586) 469-6313

### - FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -

Renewal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rev. 12/02/03

This program is supported by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners.

# Health Services

**Expansion of the Public Health Hotline** has been established for 24-hour access to information regarding County health issues. If residents and/or businesses need immediate information regarding emergency situations (such as a boil water alert), they may access the recorded message(s) by calling **466-7923**. This recorded message will be the official directive of the Health Department and supercedes any other information.

**Due to the need for increased disease surveillance** generated by bioterrorism initiatives and the number and severity of newly emerging diseases, the **School Communicable Disease Reporting Initiative** was launched. Schools have been required to report communicable diseases to the **Health Department** since 1978. However, in 2003, just only half of the schools were reporting on a "somewhat regular" basis. Working closely with district superintendents and school principals, the Health Department has increased the number of schools that "regularly" report to approximately 80 percent of all schools.

## HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTORY

### PUBLIC HEALTH HOTLINE - 466-7923 Public Health Information & Emergency Messages

<b>Animal Shelter</b> Clinton Twp. <b>469-5115</b>	<b>HIV/AIDS Counseling &amp; Testing</b> Warren <b>573-2040</b>
<b>Breast &amp; Cervical Cancer Screening Program</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-3384</b>	<b>Immunization</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5372</b> St. Clair Shores <b>466-6800</b> Warren <b>573-2090</b> Flu Vaccine Hotline <b>466-7923</b>
<b>Cardiovascular Disease &amp; Risk Reduction Program</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-3387</b>	<b>MICHILD/Healthy Kids/ Prenatal Care (Health Insurance)</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5492</b>
<b>Child Passenger Safety</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-6392</b>	<b>Nursing Services</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5520</b> St. Clair Shores <b>466-6800</b> Warren <b>573-2210</b>
<b>Children's Special Health Care Services</b> St. Clair Shores <b>466-6855</b>	<b>Nutrition Services</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-3396</b>
<b>Communicable Disease Report &amp; Travel Info</b> Mt. Clemens <b>783-8190</b> Hotline <b>469-5473</b>	<b>Safe Sleep/Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (S.I.D.S.)</b> Warren <b>573-2210</b>
<b>Community Health Outreach Services</b> Clinton Twp. <b>792-8846</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-7694</b>	<b>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</b> Warren <b>573-2090</b>
<b>Dental Services</b> Warren <b>573-2096</b>	<b>Tobacco Prevention Coalition</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-3399</b>
<b>Environmental Health</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5236</b> Warren <b>573-2240</b>	<b>Tuberculosis</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5421</b> St. Clair Shores <b>466-6800</b> Warren <b>573-2090</b>
<b>Family Planning</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5491</b>	<b>Women, Infants &amp; Children Supplemental Nutritional Program (WIC)</b> Mt. Clemens <b>469-5471</b>
<b>Health Education</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-3387</b>	
<b>Hearing &amp; Vision Screening</b> Clinton Twp. <b>412-5945</b>	

**Influenza** (the flu) is a serious ailment and is far more dangerous than just a "bad cold". The flu can lead to pneumonia, hospitalization and even death. It begins with a severe onset of symptoms including fever over 101 degrees F, dry cough, severe headache, muscle aches/body pains, long-lasting tiredness/weakness, exhaustion, chest discomfort, sneezing, stuffy nose and sore throat. More people die from complications of the flu than any other vaccine-preventable disease.

You should be immunized if you:

- are over 65 years old or between 6 and 23 months of age.
- have a chronic heart and/or lung condition or other chronic ailment, including asthma, diabetes, kidney disease or a weakened immune system.
- live in a household with persons having the conditions listed above.
- are pregnant or live in a household with children under 2 years old.
- reside in a nursing home or chronic care facility.
- are a health professional.

Flu vaccines are offered at three County immunization clinics and several outreach clinics. Visit our website at [www.macomb-countymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macomb-countymi.gov/publichealth) or call the flu hotline at **466-7923**.

# Environmental Health

**West Nile Virus (WNV)** is a disease transmitted by mosquitoes. While most people show no signs of illness, some individuals bitten by an infected mosquito may develop symptoms including fever, headache, body-ache, fatigue and skin rash. In some instances, mostly with the elderly or very young, death may occur.

In April 2003, the Board of Commissioners established a **WNV Assistance Fund** of \$250,000 for use by county municipalities. Funds were used to conduct control activities such as larvaciding, habitat reduction and educational outreach activities on a county-wide basis. As a result, Macomb County had only four cases of WNV - two confirmed and two probable in 2003. The fund has been renewed for 2004.



In 2002, there were 114 confirmed or suspected cases of human contraction of WNV. The WNV fund helped to reduce this significantly.

Residents can reduce their risk of exposure to WNV by reducing exposure to mosquitoes:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and apply insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors.
- Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, swimming and wading pools or any other place that water might collect, such as bird baths, old tires, boat covers, etc.

Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call the West Nile Virus Hotline at **469-5473**.

**In 2003, over 64 tons of toxic materials** were collected through the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program**. Funded by a grant through the *Clean Michigan Initiative*, this program made it possible to establish one-day, satellite drop-off collection sites in Warren, Richmond, Romeo and Armada as well as to maintain collection activities at the existing location in Mt. Clemens. The program enables residents to properly dispose of products that should not be dumped with trash, including paint, batteries, pesticides and medications. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **466-7923**.

**Food Safety Training for Food Service Establishments** is a regulation adopted by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, effective January 2004. The purpose of this regulation is to ensure that establishments serving food have at least one manager who has certification from an accredited food service sanitation management course. As a result, food service employees will be better educated about the importance of food safety. This will help to protect public health by preventing the transmission of food-borne illness and establishing controls that meet consumer expectations regarding safe food. You may view a copy of the food safety training regulations online at [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or request a copy through the Macomb County Health Department by calling **469-5236**.



**Radon is an odorless, colorless, radioactive gas** that occurs naturally in soil and rock. It moves upward through the soil and enters buildings through cracks and openings in the foundation floor or walls. Once it is indoors, radon can accumulate to unhealthy levels. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The risk is relatively low in Macomb County, but problems do exist. The only way to know for sure is to conduct a test.

**The Macomb County Health Department** provides FREE test kits for residents. The process is very simple and should be done over the winter months when homes are kept sealed. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or request your free kit by calling **469-5236**.



# Water Quality



31 miles of Lake Saint Clair shoreline, over 260 inland lakes and about 1,100 miles of stream and riverways are located within Macomb County making the protection of this precious natural resource a top priority.

**T**he State of Michigan has allocated \$2.5 million for the **Lake St. Clair Regional Monitoring Project**. This three-year project, to be administered by the *Michigan Department of Environmental Quality* and the **Macomb County Health Department**, will focus on Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Clinton River Watershed. Based on recommendations established by the *Blue Ribbon Commission on Lake St. Clair*, the project will compile important data related to water-quality trends. These findings will help policy-makers arrive at better-informed decisions about preservation and protection while improving technical knowledge related to physical, chemical and biological processes. The project will begin in mid-2004 with partners in Wayne, Oakland and St. Clair counties. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth).

**M**acomb County's **Septic Point of Sale Regulation** (otherwise known as "Property Transfer Evaluation") was adopted by the Board of Commissioners in 2002. This regulation requires that properties served by on-site septic systems and/or well water be evaluated and meet minimum standards before property is sold or transferred.

As anticipated, the program has helped to identify potential sources of contamination to our precious ground and surface waters. Of the 861 septic systems and 278 wells tested, 13% of the sewage disposal systems and 15% of the water wells failed to meet minimum standards. As a result, remediation of these potentially harmful situations is underway. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **469-5236**.

**Proper maintenance of septic systems helps to protect** against ground and surface water pollution as well as to minimize human exposure to bacterial and viral agents. Proper maintenance can also save significantly on repair and replacement costs. Owners of septic systems are encouraged to:

## IMPROVING WATER QUALITY Every Little Bit Helps

We can all work together to prevent the pollution of our lakes and waterways. Following these tips can help:

- Conserve water by installing water-saving toilets and flow-restriction faucets.
- Minimize shower time and turn off the water when brushing your teeth.
- Refrain from washing laundry during rain storms.
- Keep pet waste cleaned up from sidewalks and streets and away from drainage ditches and storm drains.
- Disconnect any downspouts that are connected to storm sewers and discharge water onto the ground, away from your home.

- Know the location of your septic system and keep vehicle traffic, excessive landscaping or the construction of outbuildings off the area.
- Have your tank pumped out by a licensed septage hauler every 2 to 5 years.
- Do not put harmful materials (grease, oil, chemicals, medications, etc.) down any drain.
- Conserve household water use (flushing, bathing, washing, etc.).
- Direct unwanted water (sump pump discharge, water softener backwash and downspout drains) away from the septic system.




Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth) or call **469-5236**.

# Community Mental Health

**O**ne in five Americans will experience an episode of serious mental illness sometime during their lifetime. Two percent of the population lives with some form of developmental disability. **The Macomb County Community Mental Health Department (MCCMH)** provides the safety net for these residents with services and supports designed to ensure that persons with developmental disabilities and mental illness have the greatest opportunity to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

MCCMH services are customized to individual needs. Services may include assessment, outpatient or home-based treatment, medication management, and respite programs, vocational services and other resources based on individual need. The *Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)* accredits MCCMH.

 **M**CCMH's **Medication Assistance Program** provides the county's medically indigent residents with prescription medication for the treatment of mental illness or emotional disturbance. Contact: **948-0222**.

**S**urvivors of Suicide is a program available to family members and friends of those who have died by suicide. Meetings are facilitated by professional counselors and peer survivors and offer support, information sharing and education to enable loved ones to heal and rebuild their lives. Contact: **307-9100** about this free and confidential program.

**T**he **Macomb County Office of Substance Abuse, a division of MCCMH**, coordinates the availability and delivery of substance abuse treatment services for low-income Macomb County residents. More than 4,000 Macomb County residents were served in 2003. Prevention of substance abuse among vulnerable populations is a primary goal. A number of programs are targeted to specialty populations such as pregnant women, older adults and youth.

*Community Assessment Referral Education (CARE)* is the central assessment and information source for Macomb County residents seeking substance abuse treatment. In 2003, CARE began tracking consumer satisfaction through a formal survey as a means to monitor and improve substance abuse treatment success rates.

A system was initiated to send follow-up questionnaires to consumers 90 days after discharge from treatment. Results indicate that 90 percent of those served were satisfied with the treatment they received; 78 percent were still attending self-help support groups such as *Alcoholic Anonymous* or *Narcotics Anonymous*; and 71 percent had been substance-free in the 90 days following their invention. For information about substance abuse treatment, contact CARE at **541-2273**.

## Macomb County Community Mental Health

*Help When You Need It*

**Crisis Center: 307-9100 V/TTY**

*For 24-hour support and information in any situation*

**Access Center: 948-0222**

*To initiate services related to adult and children's mental health or developmental health*

**CARE (Substance Abuse Treatment): 541-2273**

*To initiate services related to alcohol or drugs*

**Office of Community Relations  
469-6958 V or 469-7795 TTY**

*For general information about services and programs*

**Administrative Office 469-5275**

[www.macombcountymi.gov/communitymentalhealth](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/communitymentalhealth)

# Resources for Residents



A pet can be a wonderful addition to your household. Come meet your new best friend at the Macomb County Animal Shelter!

**The Macomb County Animal Shelter** cared for more than 12,000 lost, abandoned or rescued animals in 2003. Working cooperatively with other animal rescue organizations, the shelter offers animal adoption services through its center in Clinton Township, donates dogs to service organizations and participates in numerous off-site adoption events.

The shelter is responsible for protecting livestock, dog licensing and regulating the keeping of domestic animals. In 2003, more than 14,000 dog licenses were issued. The shelter works to protect the health and safety of residents by quarantining animals that have bitten people. The shelter is also responsible for impounding and preparing specimens for testing of the West Nile Virus. An Animal Control Officer is "on call" for emergency services. The shelter is located in Clinton Township and open Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adoptions cannot be

started less than 30 minutes before closing. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/admin\\_animal](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/admin_animal) or call **469-5115**.

**Michigan State University Extension (MSUE)** is a non-formal educational program of Michigan State University that began in 1914. Its purpose is to share the research-based collective knowledge of the University to people throughout the state. MSUE administers numerous programs and classes related to:

- 4C - (Community Coordinated Child Care)
- 4-H youth development
- Families
- Food and nutrition
- Horticulture
- Farmer's Market
- Agriculture and agricultural entrepreneurship
- Housing
- Natural resources
- Public policy
- Great Lakes education (through a Sea Grant).
- Youth Mentoring

MSUE also has a wide array of brochures, fact sheets and informational packets about many topics. A gardening hotline can help provide answers for your green thumb dilemmas! Volunteers are always needed. Contact: [www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu) or call **469-5180**.

**Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center** (formerly known as the Youth Home) is currently undergoing renovation. The improvements will provide 50 additional secured beds and another 20 beds for abused and neglected children. The entire project is expected to be completed by January 2005. Contact: **469-5375**.

**The Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Program** is a four-week vocational training program that prepares students for a career in driving a truck or bus (Group B; with endorsement for passenger and air brake). For information about eligibility requirements, contact [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-7998**.



# Resources for Residents

**The Macomb Food Program** helped to feed 67,987 Macomb county residents in crisis last year. Though a network of 48 neighborhood food pantries, 304 tons (or 608,842 pounds) of donated food was boxed to provide meals for five to seven days. This program relies on the combined efforts of many organizations and volunteers who donate time, money and food to help others. To request assistance or to get involved, contact [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-6004**.

## Countywide Food Drive

### L.E.T.S. E.A.T.

(Leaders Emerging To Support Emergency Assistance Together)  
at

**Freedom Hill County Park**  
**September 18th, Noon til 8:00 p.m.**

*Lots of family fun activities all day long.*



Last year's "L.E.T.S. E.A.T." event was a day filled of family fun for a good cause. Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels made an appearance and other musical groups performed throughout the day. Strolling costume characters (like the "Bed Bugs" pictured above), moonwalks, face painting and a petting zoo helped to make it a great day for young and old.

**Macomb County Library** specializes in providing timely, accurate and useful information for residents, organizations, businesses and government agencies. It has a friendly and knowledgeable staff ready to assist in a variety of ways including searching its well-developed collection of materials and providing access to the Internet. The Library offers a number of free programs on topics of interest including investing, health, home maintenance, gardening, decorating and more. For information about programs, events or hours of operation, visit [www.libcoop.net/mcl](http://www.libcoop.net/mcl) or call **286-6660**.



More than 60,000 children have interacted with the Library's "Kids on the Block" puppets. These life-sized personalities offer insight especially for children as related to visual impairments, autism, deafness, smoking, substance abuse, bullying, anger management and other topics.



## Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

serves adults and children who have a visual or physical disability that prevents them from reading standard print materials. The library offers large print books, descriptive video-cassette movies, books on tape as well as audio-visual equipment kits. Children with reading disabilities are especially encouraged to check out the resources available for assistance with school assignments. Contact: [www.libcoop.net/mcl/collections](http://www.libcoop.net/mcl/collections).

**Veteran's Services** offers a wide range of services for men and women who served in the military. Vietnam Veterans with diabetes or Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) should know that this department can assist in filing a benefit claim. Those that served in Korea near the DMZ between September 1967 and August 1971 might also qualify for a Service Connected Disability Claim for the residual effect of exposure to Agent Orange.

New this year, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners are providing memorial flag cases for the families of Macomb County veterans who die after January 1, 2004. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/veterans](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/veterans) or call **469-5315**.

# Resources for Residents

**H**omeowners residing in 1 of the 21 municipalities that participate in the county's **Housing Rehabilitation Program** may be eligible to apply for assistance in making home repairs. Loans of up to \$20,000 for making homes safer, warmer and more sanitary are available for those that qualify.

The applicant must be the owner and occupant of a single family dwelling and:

- Total household income must not exceed moderate-income limits.
- Must be current with property taxes
- Must live in 1 of the 21 participating communities
- Have current homeowner's insurance
- The repairs are designed to bring the entire structure up to the Federal Government's Section 8 Existing Housing Quality Standards as well as local building codes.



In order to assist eligible homeowners, Housing Rehabilitation staff will inspect the property to determine necessary repairs and provide a cost estimate. The contractor bidding process will be administered by the staff and a construction contract will be prepared. Finally all completed work will be inspected to ensure contract compliance and homeowner satisfaction.

Eligible homeowners may qualify for a deferred, interest-free loan with the principal being repaid at some future time. Virtually any home repair can be financed through the program including, but not limited to: heating and energy items, plumbing and sanitary fixtures, electrical work, replacement windows, entrance/storm doors, replacement roofs, tap-in fees and water service, septic systems and wells, and vinyl siding.

Since 1983, 1,064 homeowners have received assistance through the Macomb "Urban County" Housing Rehabilitation Program. Contact: **469-5285**.

## COMMUNITY ACTION CENTERS

Community Action Centers are the intake points for most of Macomb County Community Services Agency's (MCCSA) programs. Action Centers provide assistance and referrals for those in need. Services include emergency assistance, holiday assistance, packaged food, collaboration with other human service organizations, energy programs and registration for MCCSA's programs. Please contact the Action Center nearest you for more information about available services.

**North Action Center: 749-5146**  
59057 Gratiot, New Haven

**Central Action Center: 469-6964**  
21885 Dunham Rd., Ste. 10, Clinton Twp.

**South Action Center: 759-9150**  
22856 Ryan Rd., Warren 48091



## Individual Development Account Program

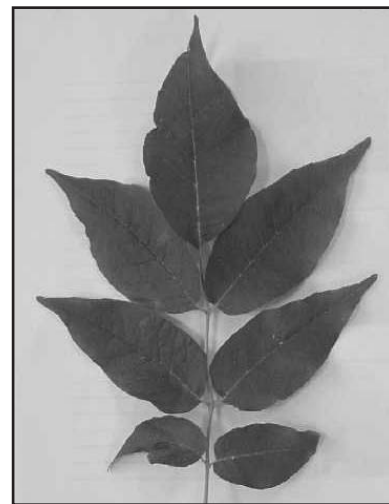
helps eligible families with children to save money as they learn more about purchasing a first home. Participants make monthly contributions to a savings account and matching dollars are provided through grants and private contributions. The combined savings are used for meeting the down payment and closing costs of a home purchased in Macomb County. After-purchase assistance and referrals are provided by a case manager.

This NACo Achievement Award winning program is administered by the **Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA)** and has helped 10 families become the proud owners of their first home. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa) or call **469-7378**.

# Programs Making a Difference

**E**merald Ash Borer (EAB) is a destructive beetle from Asia that feeds on white, black and green ash trees. It was initially discovered in Southeastern Michigan in 2002. EAB is not native to the United States and at this point no one knows specifically how it arrived in Michigan but is most likely spread by movement of infested material, human activity, and the migration of adult beetles.

To date, EAB has killed or damaged millions of trees in our six-county area. An infested tree begins to die from the top down. In the first year, as many as a third to half of all top branches will begin to die. By the second year, most of the canopy will be dead as dense shoots of fresh green begin to grow below the dead portions of the trunk. Affected trees may have vertical splits in the bark 2-4 inches long. Although very difficult to see, the beetles make a "D" shaped hole in the bark.



An ash tree can be identified by its distinctive leaves and bark. Ash trees have several leaves per stem, and the leaves are located directly across from each other.



The adult beetle is dark metallic green in color, 1/2 inch in length and 1/16 inch wide and are only present from mid May until late July. (Image not to scale).

In an attempt to curtail the destruction, state officials have placed a quarantine on all ash trees and ash wood products (including firewood). **This makes it illegal to transport any type of living or dead ash in or out of the county.** The quarantine is a critical component of the state's overall EAB eradication efforts. Homeowners may dispose of ash products at a collection site located at 24935 21 Mile Road (west of Gratiot) Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Visit [www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu) or Contact Macomb's MSU Extension at **469-5063**.

**T**he Office of Emergency Management and Communications is responsible for ensuring that Macomb County is prepared to respond to any emergency situation. Since September 11, 2001 they have also undertaken the responsibilities of Homeland Security planning. The county is prepared to respond to and recover from the effects of all hazards, including terrorist threats and stands ready to assist our residents to prepare for an emergency threat. To assist residents, the department has developed a 24-page booklet covering important information and links to other resources. To request your **FREE** copy, please call **469-5270** or contact your County Commissioner (see page 35).

The department has also been working diligently to bring an "inter-operable" radio system to all of the public safety departments within the county, including the sheriff's office and local police and fire departments. The new system will make it possible for all local departments to communicate during an emergency incident and with other departments throughout the State of Michigan. Last year, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners approved a \$13.2 million bond program to fund this project. Macomb County's system is expected to be operable by 2005. Contact: [www.macomb-countymi.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.macomb-countymi.gov/emergencymanagement).



Emergency Management & Communications works with local first responders to train to react in disaster situations. Last year, two terrorist attacks were staged to provide more than 300 first responders, elected officials and government workers a chance to practice handling civilian casualties and maintaining government services. Photo courtesy of Michael Holland - Roseville Fire Department



# Community Development

**The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**, is a federally funded program that finances the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. Macomb is one of five counties within Michigan that has qualified to receive annual CDBG funding allocations. Administered by the **Department of Planning & Economic Development**, the funds are available to Macomb County communities with a population under 50,000 and are used for projects including parks, senior centers, or street and sidewalk projects. In the past year, the program awarded over \$2.2 million for local community projects, and administered 125 new CDBG projects. Contact: **469-5285**.

**The Wetland Indicator Map** is a new resource generated by the Geographic Information System (GIS) technology within the **Department of Planning & Economic Development**. It was compiled with data from both national and state wetlands inventories, aerial photography and soil survey information.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), assisted by reviewing the data and removing any wetlands that were filled for development and confirmed by a visual review of the most current aerial photography. As the name implies, this map only indicates where a wetland may exist

and does not replace the need for field survey before disturbing the soil around the area. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/gis](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/gis) or to obtain a copy of the map, call **469-5285**.



Macomb County has approximately 23,462 acres of potential wetlands remaining. With current trends of rapid growth, the local units of government have better tools to plan for the future with the Wetland Indicator Map.

## PROJECTS SINCE INCEPTION

- **HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION**  
\$12,644,032 has assisted 1,013 low/moderate families in the repair of their homes.
- **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**  
\$6,616,735 for 117 street improvement projects.
- \$2,020,050 for 71 projects to remove architectural barriers.
- \$2,157,086 for 54 water and sewer projects.
- \$1,196,427 for walkway improvements in 12 communities
- \$961,764 for neighborhood facilities in 8 communities
- **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS**  
\$4,044,367 for the development of Senior Citizen Centers in 13 communities.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE**  
\$4,721,903 for provision of public service projects located in 21 communities.
- **PARK DEVELOPMENT**  
\$3,802,008 for 114 park development projects.
- **COMMERCIAL PROJECTS**  
\$1,863,000 for commercial redevelopment in 7 communities.
- **HISTORICAL REHABILITATION**  
\$685,733 for 78 historic rehabilitation projects.
- **PLANNING STUDIES**  
\$443,180 for various planning studies in 11 communities.

**The state's Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)** is a program based on digital orthophotography, parcel data, and infrared satellite imagery to map wetlands, woodlands, steep slopes, vegetation, and animal habitats.

This resource is available through the **Department of Planning & Economic Development** and is especially helpful to local municipalities for updating master plans and other land use planning purposes. A comprehensive inventory of natural features will assist local policy makers and developers to better integrate these elements into effective land development plans. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/gis](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/gis) or call **469-5285**.

# Economic Development



Macomb County Michigan Works! helps job seekers and employers alike by providing access to internet employment tools.

**Macomb County Michigan Works!** assists job seekers from entry level through degreed professionals to find employment. Individuals can:

- Post a resume in the Michigan Talent Bank [www.michworks.org](http://www.michworks.org). This site provides access to thousands of current job openings.
- Attend classes ranging from resume preparation, interviewing skills, job search techniques, budgeting, money management and other topics.
- Register for available training programs including vocational, on-the-job, math and reading skills and GED preparation.
- Take advantage of assessment and career counseling services.

## Local businesses benefit from Michigan Works! too. They can:

- Register as an employer, post employment opportunities and contact potential employees.
- Get information about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), tax credit programs and information on hiring U.S. veterans.

### Service Centers

**Roseville, 15950 Twelve Mile Road, 447-9200**

**Clinton Township, 43630 Hayes, 263-1501**

**Mount Clemens, 75 N. River Road, 469-7702**

## FREE Business Basics Seminar

*Once a month - Call for dates*

**Learn the basic steps involved in starting and operating a successful small business within Macomb County.**

Held in the County Administration Building  
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor Mt. Clemens, MI

**Registration Required  
Call 469-5118**

## The Macomb County Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC),

sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, provides free and confidential management consultation to small businesses located within Macomb and St. Clair Counties. As one of 12 regional SBTDCs across the state, the center's four main objectives are training, counseling, research and advocacy. From researching new markets to locating financing, the Macomb County SBTDC is available to assist small businesses in any stage of development.

SBTDC services to aspiring business-owners typically begin with the monthly Group Counseling Session. Here, in a classroom setting, clients are introduced to the basics of starting a business (legal structure, taxes, licenses, etc.) and the importance of a carefully developed and detailed business plan. The next step

in this process brings the client and a Certified Business Consultant together in a one-on-one session where the client receives assistance and direction in the actual preparation of the business plan. Subsequent sessions focus on completing the plan and moving forward through its implementation. Once the business is established, the SBTDC continues its service to the client by providing consultation on marketing plans for products and services as well as expanding sales into new markets. Last year, the Macomb County SBTDC provided nearly 2,200 hours of consultation to business clients. Contact: [www.misbtadc.org/region10](http://www.misbtadc.org/region10) or call **469-5118**.

# Economic Development

**The Macomb County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)** was created by the Board of Commissioners to promote the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses and jobs in Macomb County. The EDC achieves these ends by providing manufacturers with access to special-purpose financing. Through Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, qualified manufacturers may purchase machinery or construct new facilities while borrowing money at an exceptionally low interest rate. Through the EDC, the County demonstrates its continuing commitment to sustaining the economic vitality of the community. Contact: **469-5285**.

**The Macomb County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA)** was established to help direct development away from farmlands and other open spaces ("greenfields") and instead promote the reuse of older urban properties. Primary among its functions, the BRA has the discretion to approve proposed redevelopment plans, thereby allowing a developer to qualify for a tax credit. This Single Business Tax credit is equal to 10% of the eligible cost incurred for redevelopment activities, up to a maximum of \$1 million. Revolving loan funds and tax increment financing are other tools that are available to Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities. Contact: **469-5285**.



Through the assistance of the Department of Planning and Economic Development, this company established its U.S. headquarters in Shelby Township.

**Macomb County's Business Attraction & Retention Program**, through the **Department of Planning and Economic Development**, is responsible for promoting Macomb County as an ideal location for new and expanding businesses. This involves retaining existing businesses and assisting in their growth, as well as attracting new businesses to the County. The program provides a wide range of services to its business clients, including site/facility selection assistance, business planning, loan packaging and market/labor/demographic research. It also serves as a liaison to state and local government for securing grants and tax incentives for qualified companies.

The business retention program is designed to primarily serve manufacturing companies. Through partnership with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the department's economic development staff and MEDC account managers participate in a program of annual retention visits made to select Macomb County manufacturers. Through retention calls, staff can assess the business assistance needs of these companies; apprise them of available services, and arrange for specific assistance to be provided by the appropriate department or agency. Some of the key programs utilized by manufacturers include financing through Industrial Development Revenue Bonds or the SBA's 504 Loan program, development incentive through the state's Industrial Facilities Exemption Tax program, and a manufacturing benchmarking program offer by the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center.

Macomb County is also a member of both the *Detroit Regional Economic Partnership* and *Automation Alley*. Through these organizations, Macomb County is represented in trade missions and expositions held across the United States and around the world. Contact: **469-5285**.



# Parks & Recreation



## Schedule of Events

June 11-12	.....	Macedonian Festival
June 19	.....	HarleyFest
June 23	.....	Older American Festival
July 3	.....	Family Movies under the Stars
July 4	.....	County Picnic/Fireworks
July 9-11	.....	Polish Fest
July 23-25	.....	Italian Fest
July 31	.....	Pet-A-Palooza
Aug. 14	.....	Bark in the Park
Aug. 27-29	.....	SummerFest
Sept. 5	.....	Italian Car Show
Sept. 12	.....	Battle of the Brits Car Show
Sept. 18	.....	L.E.T.S. E.A.T. Food Drive
Sept. 24-26	.....	Apple Harvest Festival

Dates and events are subject to change.

## Freedom Hill County Park



15000 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Rd.)  
(Between Schoenherr & Utica Rd.)  
Phone: 979-7010

[www.freedomhillcountypark.com](http://www.freedomhillcountypark.com)



Freedom Hill has become a popular place to be for residents and visitors alike. For concert information or ticket sales contact 268-5100 or visit [www.freedomhillcountypark.com](http://www.freedomhillcountypark.com)

## The Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

is proud to present spectacular events in the heart of Macomb County at Freedom Hill County Park. Ethnic festivals, car shows and other special events provide fun and recreation for residents of all ages. The Freedom Hill Amphitheater brings national entertainers to its outdoor amphitheater for up to 7,000 concert goers. Country Dances and Senior Swing Dances are held all year in the Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall with outdoor dances under pavilions in the summer.

Outdoor Flea Markets are held every Wednesday from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. from April through October. The park is home to a new state-of-the-art playscape, basketball courts, picnic areas, a nature trail and beautiful open spaces. The *Metropolitan Parkway Hike and Bike Path* travels directly through the park making Freedom Hill a perfect starting point for bikers, walkers or in-line skaters. Freedom Hill is open year round.

Municipal parks throughout the county ensure that residents are always close to open space for recreation and relaxation. Macomb County is also home to:

- W.C. Wetzel State Park (Ray Twp.)
- Huron Clinton MetroPark Authority Parks:
  - Metro Beach (Harrison Twp.)
  - Stony Creek (Washington Twp.)
  - Wolcott Mill (Ray Twp.)

# Parks & Recreation



**Macomb Orchard Trail** will soon become a 24-mile hike and bike trail that begins at 24 Mile Road and Dequindre and meanders northward to the City of Richmond. In 2001, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners purchased what was formerly an active railroad corridor with the dream to provide a wonderful recreational opportunity for residents and visitors alike. A \$3.7 million federal allocation will make it possible to accelerate construction with the opening of Phase I in early summer 2004. Already poised to link with planned trails in Oakland and St. Clair counties, the Macomb Orchard Trail will soon provide an alternative form of transportation and opportunities for physical activity to be enjoyed by all in the very near future.



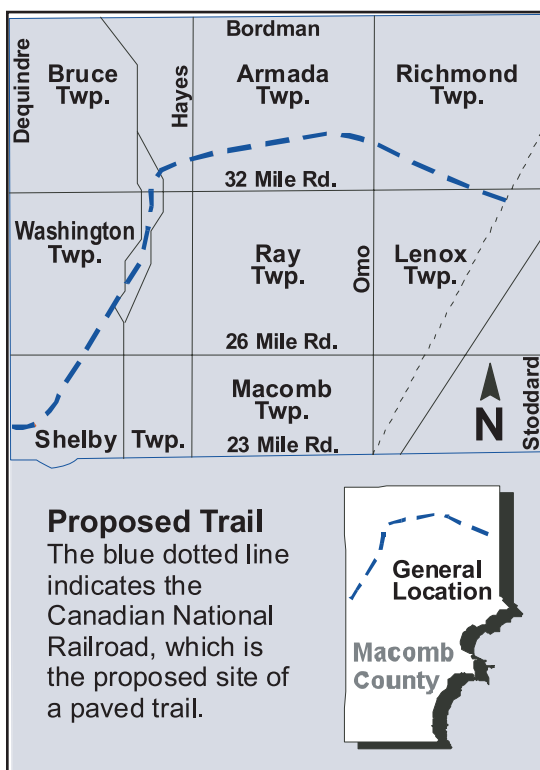
The Macomb Orchard Trail is expected to attract nearly 360,000 visits each year. Twenty-five percent of those will be from people outside of the county. The trail is also expected to boost the local economy as visitors spend an estimated \$2.8 million in local shops and restaurants.



A variety of amenities are planned for the trail, including rest stops, drinking fountains, benches and themed landscaping. A range of sponsorship levels, beginning at \$100, are available for individuals and businesses that would like to demonstrate their support for this community project. Contact: **979-7010**.

**With construction set to begin on the Macomb Orchard Trail**, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners wants to be sure that every resident has access to this exciting recreational opportunity. **The Department of Planning and Economic Development** has been working with local communities to coordinate the trail plans of individual municipalities. Some day, every city, township and village in Macomb County could be a part of a county-wide trail network. Please visit the following websites for more park information. Freedom Hill

County Park - [www.freedomhillcountypark.com](http://www.freedomhillcountypark.com) Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Parks Authority - [www.METROPARKS.com](http://www.METROPARKS.com) Macomb Orchard Trail - [www.macomborchardtrail.com](http://www.macomborchardtrail.com) Michigan State Parks - [www.michigan.gov/DNR](http://www.michigan.gov/DNR).



## Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall

Macomb County lost a great man when Commissioner Ralph A. Liberato lost his battle with leukemia. A Marine during World War II, union leader with the AFSCME, former Chair of the Macomb County Democratic Party and 14 years of service as a Commissioner to Warren residents (District 1), Commissioner Liberato devoted his life to public service. In special remembrance of his 21 years as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners renamed the multi-purpose building at Freedom Hill County Park "Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall" in his memory.

# County Clerk/Register of Deeds



**Carmella Sabaugh**  
County Clerk/  
Register of Deeds

**This office** issues birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, business registrations, concealed weapon permits and also files papers for real estate transactions, military discharges, notary public commissions. The Clerk also keeps records for the Circuit Court, Board of Commissioners, Apportionment Commission, Election Scheduling Committee, Election Commission, Board of Canvassers, Plat Board, Civil Service Commission, Jury Commission and the Concealed Weapon Licensing Board.

## Speedy Register of Deeds Sets Record

The Register of Deeds recorded over 2 million pages in 2003, the highest volume ever. With a state-of-the-art computer system and employees trained to fulfill multiple functions, this office is able to offer fast service for residents and real estate professionals.

## First Clerk/Register of Deeds in Michigan to Offer:

- Military personnel (and others) that need quick access to a copy of a birth certificate or vital record can request express overnight delivery. Requests for these records may also be placed online.
- Genealogists (and others interested in researching family history) can search an online index of death records.
- Entrepreneurs ready to start a new business can search an online business name registry to ensure that the name they pick is available.
- The Clerk/Register of Deeds now provides on-line access to real estate records through a computerized property records scanning and indexing service.
- Forms are available on a 24/7 fax-on-demand system. **In Michigan call 1-888-99-CLERK** at any time.
- Extending hours to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays makes it easier for residents to get personal service if they are unable to visit during normal business hours.

Senior citizens preparing to hire in-home help (and other employers) can quickly determine whether an applicant has been involved in a circuit court case. Check out the "circuit court index" on the Clerk's web site.



**AUGUST 3rd (Primary)    NOVEMBER 2nd (General Election)**

Remember, you must be registered to vote 30 days prior!

### FREE 2004 MACOMB COUNTY DIRECTORY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this coupon to: Carmella Sabaugh  
Macomb County Clerk  
40 N. Main Street  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

The Clerk's Office  
40 N. Main St.,  
Mt. Clemens, MI.  
Contact: **469-5120.**

The Register of Deeds Office  
10 N. Main St., 2nd Floor,  
Mt. Clemens, MI.  
Contact: **469-5175.**

Visit website at: [www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/clerksoffice).

## INTERESTING FACTS 2003

Birth certificates filed	4,797
Death certificates filed	5,930
Business registrations issued	8,542
Concealed weapons licenses issued	3,653
Marriage licenses issued	5,525
Military discharges filed	44
Real estate pages recorded	2,111,401
Circuit Court cases filed	17,101

Effective July 24, 2004 Macomb County is scheduled to be the first in Michigan to disclose county and local candidate campaign finance statements on the internet, giving us the most public disclosure policy in the state!



# Prosecuting Attorney



**Carl Marlinga**  
Prosecuting  
Attorney

**T**he **Prosecuting Attorney** is the chief law enforcement officer in the county. This office is required by Michigan Constitution. Its duties and qualifications are set by statute. The Prosecuting Attorney is a sworn impartial arbiter and is charged with the responsibility of conducting criminal prosecution of those who violate state criminal laws in the interest of the people. This office represents the county in all courts of the county and before the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals in criminal matters of which the county or state has an interest.

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office consists of a staff of 62 assistant attorneys, 8 investigators, 43 support staff and 5 victim support staff. The office services the District Courts, the Probate Court, one municipal court and the Circuit Court.

In 2003, the Prosecuting Attorney authorized the issuance of 7,222 felony warrants and 8,588 misdemeanor warrants.

This office is required by state statute to maintain a **Victim's Rights Unit**. Its purpose to assist certain victims and witnesses of crimes to understand the intricacies of the criminal justice system. There are four advocates on staff; two of which specialize in assisting victims of domestic violence. In 2003, this unit worked with 5,200 individuals involved in legal proceedings for a crime that occurred in Macomb County.

This office has partnered with many community agencies to develop and implement programs that make Macomb County a leader in crime detection, protection and prevention. These programs have received local, statewide and national recognition and include:

- **The Macomb County Forensic Nurse Examiner Program** is offered in conjunction with *Turning Point* (a Macomb County non-profit organization offering crisis intervention and advocacy for victims of violence). This program helps to train forensic nurses who are available on a 24-hour basis to collect trace evidence at the scenes of crimes or in hospital emergency rooms. The Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney is the only in the country to encourage local police departments to utilize this service.
- **The Macomb County Child Advocacy Center** is offered in conjunction with *Care House* (a Macomb County non-profit organization that works to reduce the incidence and trauma of child sexual and physical abuse). This program coordinates the investigation, treatment and prosecution of child sexual abuse cases based on protocol established with the assistance of several agencies.
- **The Macomb County Prevention Coalition** is a collaborative effort lead by the Prosecuting Attorney's office, the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) and ten community anti-drug coalitions to unite leaders in law enforcement, education and community organization to provide safe, drug-free environments for youth.

Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/prosecutorsoffice](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/prosecutorsoffice) or call **469-5350**.

# Public Works Commissioner



**Anthony V. Marrocco**  
Public Works  
Commissioner

**The Public Works Commissioner's Office** is responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of 750 county drains. As part of its duties, this office manages the Macomb County Wastewater Disposal District, which provides sewer service for eleven communities. Other responsibilities of this office include management of the Chapaton and Martin Retention Basins, administration of the Soil Erosion Control Act and review of subdivision plats to assure proper drainage. This office also provides an educational outreach program designed to teach the importance of preserving and protecting natural resources, especially for the county's youth.

## Highlights of the year include:

- **The Illicit Discharge Elimination Program** is an intensive effort to locate and eliminate illegal connections to county's storm drain system. One of the program's major accomplishments was the discovery that a large Warren subdivision had been improperly discharging raw sewage into the Lorraine Storm Drain where it would eventually flow to Lake St. Clair. Corrected by the city, this discovery (and others) should help to improve water quality.
- **Mt. Clemens - Macomb County Partnership on Sewer Services** is a cooperative agreement with the *City of Mt. Clemens* that will make it possible for a portion of the county's sewage flow to be diverted for treatment at the city owned and operated wastewater treatment plant. Previously, the county sent all of its wastewater to the *City of Detroit*. This new arrangement means that the county will pay a lower rate for services while providing additional revenue to a municipality within the county.
- Work on the \$75 million **Lake St. Clair Clean Water Initiative** continued throughout the year. Massive sewer lines were installed along Jefferson Avenue throughout *Saint Clair Shores*. Other major improvements include sewer separation projects in *Roseville* and *Eastpointe*.
- An agreement was reached with *Chesterfield* and *Lenox Townships* and the *Village of New Haven* to construct a second interceptor along the Gratiot corridor to provide sewer service to northeast Macomb County. Financed through the sale of bonds, this project is expected to cost \$31 million.
- As part of this office's commitment to environmental stewardship, the Public Works Office has made hundreds of educational presentations to more than 6,000 students and adults through its **Environmental Education Program**. More than 750 third graders submitted artwork for consideration for a 2004 calendar featuring ecologically friendly suggestions.



The Rohrbeck Extension Drain near Little Mack and 13 Mile Road in Roseville was widened, deepened and cleaned out to provide better drainage and flood control.



Workers install a 48-inch diameter storm drain on the Fisher Relief Drain along Dodge Park Road and Plumbrook in Sterling Heights.

Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/publicworks](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publicworks) or call **469-5325**.

# Sheriff



**Mark Hackel**  
Sheriff

## The Macomb County Sheriff's Office

provides services for the entire county. This office is sworn to enforce all laws and to protect the lives, property and welfare of the people. It also confines and secures all prisoners in the county jail. There are Sheriff substations in the Townships of Bruce, Harrison, Lenox, Macomb and Washington. Marine Patrol substations are located in Harrison Township and St. Clair Shores. A brief review of 2003 statistics helps to demonstrate just how very busy this office is:

- Dispatch answered more than 88,000 calls for help.
- Traffic deputies made 958 arrests, cited 6,754 violations, responded to 4,187 accidents and 986 injuries.
- Three trained dogs (K-9 unit) and their handlers responded to 428 calls. Volunteer Mounted Reserve Officers worked over 3,435 hours on horseback. Volunteer Marine Safety Officers logged more than 6,200 hours.
- The **Marine Safety** division responded to 73 "Search and Rescue" incidents, helped to save 137 people and recovered 53 watercrafts. they issued 3,127 verbal warnings and cited 101 violations on Macomb County water ways. 10,543 students completed the **Safe Boating** course offered by this office.
- **County of Macomb Enforcement Team (COMET)** detects, investigates and apprehends drug dealers that cross multi-jurisdictional boundaries. In 2003, this unit processed 765 cases resulting in 558 arrests, seizure of more than \$390,000 in assets and confiscation of illegal drugs with a street value of more than four million dollars.
- **Macomb Area Computer Enforcement (MACE)** investigates crime related to online fraud, identity theft, child pornography and pedophiles. In 2003, this unit scrutinized 226 cases and made 20 arrests.
- The Sheriff's Office worked with **Friend of the Court** to arrest 992 "deadbeat" parents and recover \$16,700,000 in arrearages. More than 22,000 prisoners were transported across the county and state.
- **The Polygraph Bureau** conducted 155 lie detector exams that led to 55 confessions.
- **Macomb Auto Theft Squad (MATS)** made 184 arrests and recovered 2.8 million in stolen property.
- **The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT)** unit was deployed seven times and trained for scenarios involving weapons of mass destruction. Crisis Negotiators were called upon three times resulting in two voluntary surrenders and resolved the third with no loss of life.

The **Macomb County Jail** is in the midst of change. A recent purchase of two more generators will ensure auxiliary power to the facility. Key stakeholders throughout the county have been working to develop solutions for prisoner overcrowding at the County Jail. Overall, this office raised more than \$7.2 million dollars in service revenues and grants. Contact: [www.macomb-sheriff.com](http://www.macomb-sheriff.com) or call **469-5151**.

### SHERIFF PHONE DIRECTORY

<b>Administration</b>	<b>469-5151</b>
<b>COMET (Drug Crime)</b>	<b>790-3990</b>
<b>Detective Bureau</b>	<b>307-9358</b>
<b>Explorers</b>	<b>493-5748</b>
<b>FOC (Friend of the Court)</b>	<b>469-5757</b>
<b>Jail Information</b>	<b>307-9439</b>
<b>LCC Permits</b>	<b>469-7713</b>
<b>MACE (Computer Crimes)</b>	<b>307-9358</b>
<b>Marine</b>	<b>469-5803</b>
<b>MATS (Auto Theft)</b>	<b>792-3174</b>
<b>Records (Traffic Report)</b>	<b>307-9392</b>
<b>Traffic Services</b>	<b>469-7704</b>
<b>Youth Services</b>	<b>307-9358</b>
<b>Macomb County Jail</b>	
<b>Business Line</b>	<b>469-5151</b>
<b>Community Corrections</b>	<b>307-9443</b>
<b>Educational</b>	<b>307-9567</b>
<b>Ministry</b>	<b>307-9236</b>
<b>Medical</b>	<b>307-9609</b>
<b>Mental Health</b>	<b>307-9480</b>
<b>Reimbursement</b>	<b>307-9462</b>
<b>Substance Abuse</b>	<b>307-9570</b>
<b>Work Release</b>	<b>307-9472</b>



# Treasurer



**Ted Wahby**  
Treasurer

**The Macomb County Treasurer** is the custodian of all County funds. The duties of this office are mandated by state statute. County funds under the Treasurer's jurisdiction include drainage districts, county road improvement projects, Circuit Court, Veteran's Trust and the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. The Treasurer is also responsible for accounting of all revenues, investments, securities and County funds in financial institutions. Other duties of the Treasurer include serving as a member of the County Elections Commission, Apportionment Commission, Plat Board, Tax Allocation Board and Building Authority.

In 1999, the State of Michigan introduced a new law which required County Treasurers to foreclose on properties for non-payment of taxes. The Macomb County Treasurer went to work to develop procedures to comply with this law while also assisting taxpayers to meet their obligations. Staff worked diligently to identify individuals with an interest in threatened properties. Next, they educated them on the foreclosure process and shared information about additional sources of help. As a result, no occupied homes have been foreclosed.

- In 2002, there were 21,937 parcels with delinquent taxes purchased.
- In 2003, 3,265 of those parcels were forfeited.
- In 2004, due to the efforts of the Treasurer, only 25 parcels were foreclosed for delinquent taxes.

Getting more for less is a common practice in the Treasurer's Office. By establishing a system that monitors and anticipates cash flow, the County is able to invest funds for longer periods of time. This process makes it possible for the County to realize a higher rate of return. By operating more intelligently, this program added over \$400,000 to the County general fund in its first year. This program was recognized nationally with a NACo Achievement Award.

Recognizing that taxpayers are best served when all units of government work together, the County Treasurer initiated an award winning program that advanced cooperation and coordination among the County taxing units. Whether it is working to standardize tax data base programs, facilitating regular training/information sharing seminars, or paying local governments/schools their delinquent taxes earlier each year, your Treasurer demonstrates that by working closely we provide better service at a lower cost.



Employees of the Treasurer's Office are always ready to assist taxpayers.

## Did You Know?

The Treasurer maintains a **Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund** to insure that local communities, schools and other taxing bodies receive revenue despite delinquent taxes. In 2003, the Treasurer advanced approximately \$39 million to help maintain services.

Contact the Treasurer: [www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/treasurer) or call **469-5190**.

# Macomb County Judges

**Macomb County Circuit Court** has launched a **Drug Court** to assist jail bound probation violators in becoming substance free, productive and law abiding citizens. Offering intense treatment and judicial supervision as an alternative to incarceration, the program takes a minimum of 21 months. Offenders report to probation officers twice weekly where they are tested for substance use and demonstrate their efforts to secure employment and/or attain educational goals. Regular attendance at drug court sessions is also required. This program helps offenders become substance free and also saves considerable costs for incarceration. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/circuitcourt](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/circuitcourt).

**Macomb County Circuit Court - Juvenile Division** launched the **Juvenile Drug and Mental Health Court**. The *Governor's Commission on Juvenile Justice* asked the Macomb County Circuit Court - Juvenile Division to develop a program to serve Court youth with substance abuse and mental health problems. This request came as a result of the success of the **Macomb County Juvenile Drug Court** program already in existence. The existing program provides frequent judicial supervision, intensive probation and substance abuse treatment to non-violent offenders with no mental health problems. The Commission recognized the need to expand the program to treat substance abusing youth with mental health problems and asked the Macomb County Circuit Court - Juvenile Division to apply for grant money to pilot a program that could be duplicated in other counties across the State. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/juvenilecourt](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/juvenilecourt).

**Macomb County Probate Court** has established several programs to assist residents. The *Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship Mediation Service* is offered in collaboration with the Macomb Resolution Center. The program offers a non-court setting for helping parties struggling with issues related to the care of a debilitated adult. The mediation process assists everyone involved to identify exactly what problems exist and to cooperatively agree to solutions. The *Minor Guardianship Program* is a court program that assists children that have been separated from their biological parents for a number of reasons including death, incarceration, unsuitability or disabling disease to be placed with caring guardians. Contact: [www.macombcountymi.gov/probatecourt](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/probatecourt) or call **469-5290**.

## CIRCUIT COURT



Chief Judge  
**Peter J. Maceroni**  
469-5822



Chief Judge - Pro Tem  
**Deborah A. Servitto**  
469-5147



Honorable  
**Mary A. Chrzanowski**  
469-5149



Honorable  
**Donald G. Miller**  
469-5143



Honorable  
**James M. Biernat, Sr.**  
469-5139



Honorable  
**Mark S. Switalski**  
469-5135



Honorable  
**Edward A. Servitto, Jr.**  
469-5145



Honorable  
**Richard L. Caretti**  
469-5137



Honorable  
**Antonio P. Viviano**  
469-5438



Honorable  
**Matthew S. Switalski**  
469-5141



Honorable  
**Diane M. Druzinski**  
469-2571

## PROBATE COURT



Chief Probate Judge  
**Pamela Gilbert O'Sullivan**  
469-5290



Probate Judge  
**Kathryn A. George**  
469-5320



Probate Judge  
**Tracey A. Yokich**  
493-0355

# Road Commission

**The Road Commission of Macomb County**, though not under the jurisdictional control of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, is an important organization for every resident and business owner in the county. It constructs, operates, and maintains 2,942 lane miles of county primary and local roads, 756 bridges and drain structures, and is under contract with *Michigan Department of Transportation* for 166 miles of state freeways.

## Highlights

- Spent \$57 million for road construction - the highest ever in the history of the Macomb County Road Commission. (Spending levels are expected to remain at about the same level for 2004.)
- Secured \$800,000 for a "*Great Lakes Intelligent Transportation System*" (GLITS). This new traffic operation center makes it possible to integrate radio component traffic signals with visual monitoring systems so that signals can be better timed to improve traffic flow or to move traffic in emergency situations.
- Replaced or renovated 16 bridges.
- Began the process for implementing the 2004-2025 Master Road Plan.
- Began the "*Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan*" (IDEP), a state mandated program for testing and monitoring all drainage outflows for dangerous substances.
- Secured \$5 million in "*Transportation Economic Development Funds*" to improve conditions for economic development purposes.
- Improved asset management procedures to better evaluate the county's roadway system and prioritize construction projects.

## Planned Projects for 2004 Include:

- 15 Mile Road, between Kelly and Gratiot
- Gratiot Avenue, between 23 and 26 Mile Roads
- 21 Mile Road, between Gratiot and North Avenue
- Hayes Road, north of Hall and south of 22 Mile Road
- Garfield, between 15 Mile Road and Metropolitan Parkway
- Metropolitan Parkway between Utica and Moravian
- Schoenherr between Canal and Hall
- 32 Mile Road in front of Ford's Romeo Engine Plant
- Bridge replacement in 13 locations
- Resurfacing of 24 Mile Road between Card and Foss and about 40 other locations
- Paving for Broughton (between 25 and 26 Mile Roads), Card (between 24 and 25 Mile Roads), Foss (between 24 and 25 Mile Roads), Jewel (between 25 and 26 Mile Roads)
- Two asphalt bike paths including Phase I of the **Macomb Orchard Trail** (see page 25) and Jefferson Avenue between Hooker and Killewald.



The Road Commission received an "Award of Excellence" from the *Michigan Concrete Paving Association*. Selected first of 50 entries, the Schoenherr Road project, between 21 ½ and 23 Mile Roads, was honored based on overall pavement smoothness, quality control measures, project complexity and innovative construction solutions.

Check out the Road Commission of Macomb County website [www.rcmcweb.org](http://www.rcmcweb.org) for up-to-date information about construction, road closings, damage claim forms, roadway service requests and other general information. To report any problems with county roads, residents can call **463-8671** or **1-800-462-1474** 24 hours a day.



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# Commissioners Districts

## What Your County Commissioners Do For You

**M**acomb County Commissioners serve, not only as the legislative body for Macomb County, but also as the administrative and policy-making body. The Board is composed of 26 Commissioners who are elected to two-year terms, as mandated by the State Legislature. Over the course of a term, Commissioners attend various committee, ad hoc committee and full board meetings. They work to ensure that their constituents' concerns are met, that state and federal requirements are fulfilled and that the county runs smoothly. The County Commissioners responsibilities include:

- Adopting the annual county budget
- Reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of county services and programs
- Monitoring the overall fiscal health of the county government
- Paying all county bills
- Establishing wage and benefit policies for 2,000+ county employees
- Appointing all county department heads
- Establishing policies and procedures for the administration of all county departments
- Adopting the county equalization report, assuring equitable distribution of property assessments throughout the county
- Assisting local units of government in public works, human and social services, law enforcement and planning
- Passing resolutions for the health, safety and welfare of the people.

### 2004 Full Board Meeting Dates

Board Meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted

<b>May 13</b>	<b>Aug. 12</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>
<b>June 17-9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>
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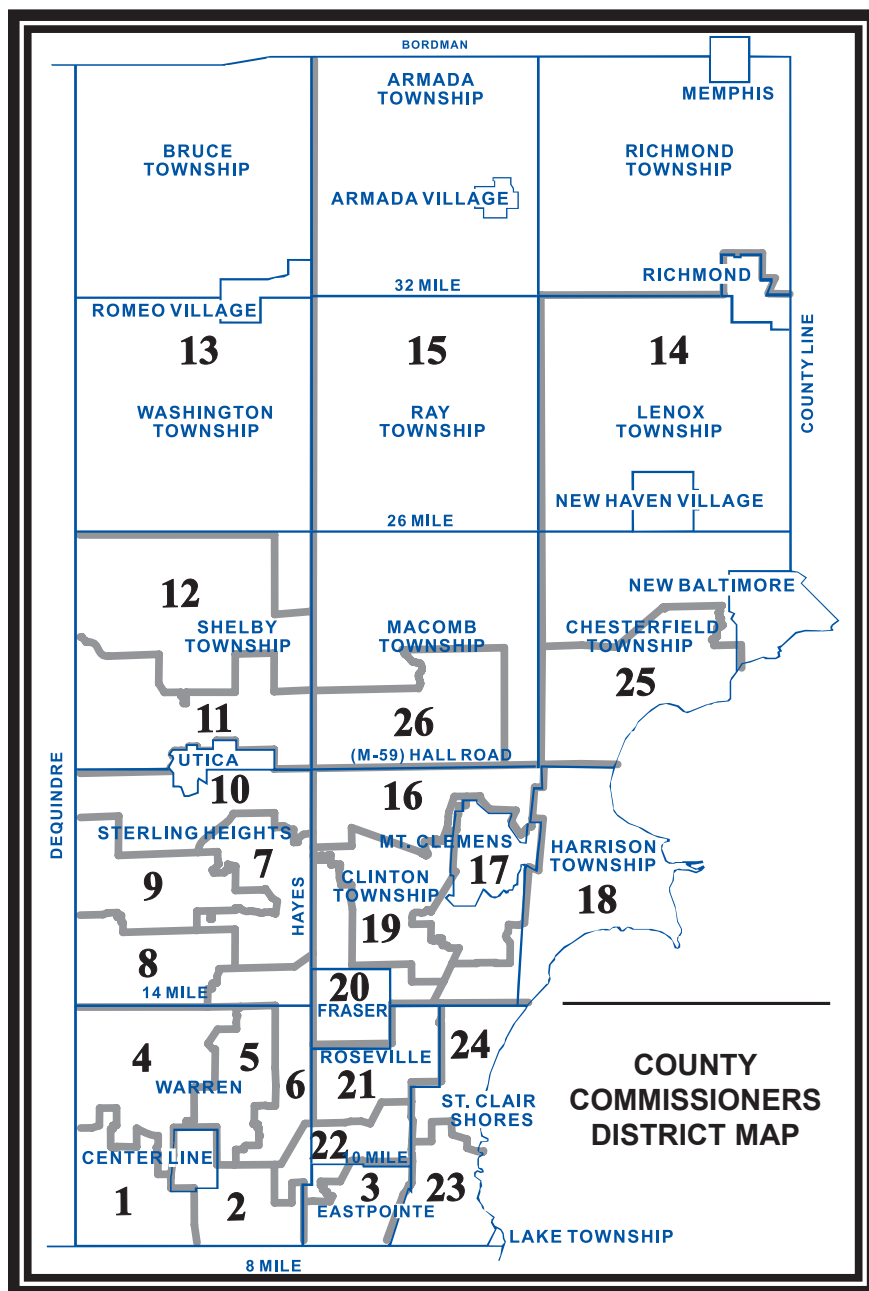
### Committee Meetings

Business conducted during committee meetings is formally voted upon at full board meetings. There are 11 committees, not including ad hoc committees. Meetings are normally held on the 9th floor of the County Administration Building (1 S. Main Street, Mt. Clemens).

**MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

For committee meeting dates and times please call 469-5125 or visit

[www.macombcountymi.gov](http://www.macombcountymi.gov)



# Your County Commissioners



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**Circuit Court / 469-5351**  
1st Floor, Court Bldg., Mt. Clemens

**Clerk's Office / 469-5120**  
1st Floor, Court Bldg., Mt. Clemens

**Community Mental Health / 948-0222**  
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**Community Services Agency / 469-6999**  
21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp.

**Emergency Management / 469-5270**  
1st Floor, County Bldg., Mt. Clemens

**Emergency Medical Services / 469-5168**  
43525 Elizabeth, Mt. Clemens

**Equalization Department / 469-5260**  
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**Family Independence Agency / 469-7700**  
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6th Floor, Court Building, Mt. Clemens  
**24 Hour Case Info Access / 469-7618**

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21885 Dunham, Clinton Twp.

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43525 Elizabeth, Mt. Clemens

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**Juvenile Court / 469-5195**  
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**Probate Court / 469-5290**  
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**Probation - Circuit Court / 469-5330**  
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